

**Amendments to the Claims:** This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein the device has a said stop means, which limits the depth of penetration of the needles into the body in a defined manner.
3. (Previously presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 2, wherein a spacer, which has holes associated with the needles and can be pushed over the needles in order to limit the depth of penetration into the body, is provided at least as a stop means.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein a common protective sleeve, which can be attached by plugging to the syringe cylinder over the needles, is provided for all needles.
10. (Previously presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein a filter means is arranged in the path between the opening of the channels into the tips of the needles and the interior of the syringe cylinder.
11. (Previously presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 10, wherein the filter means comprises individual filter inserts in the tip-side end area of the needles.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A device for needle biopsy with a syringe cylinder, with a plunger displaceable therein as well as with a needle means,

wherein

the needle means has at least one needle~~a plurality of puncture needles~~, whose ~~channels~~  
~~open~~channel opens into the interior of the cylinder, and a ventilation means is formed by at least one overflow channel, which is formed at a distance from the syringe bottom in the inner wall of the cylinder, wherein the length of the channel in the direction of the cylinder axis makes it possible that the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected with the interior of the cylinder that is located above the plunger via at least one overflow channel.

19. (Previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles.

20. (Previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least one indicator projection, which projects from the inner wall of the cylinder and can be overcome by the plunger, is provided at a distance from the bottom of the cylinder.

21. (Previously presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least some of the puncture needles of the needle means have different lengths.